



Clark County Sheriff's Office

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MEDIA RELEASE

Date of release:

March 7, 2016

Time of release:

3:30 p.m.

Date and time of incident:

Between 2003 and 2015

Location of incident:

Moorefield Township

Township:

Moorefield

Type of incident:

Rape & Gross Sexual Imposition Arrest

Supervisor providing information:

Major Russell Garman

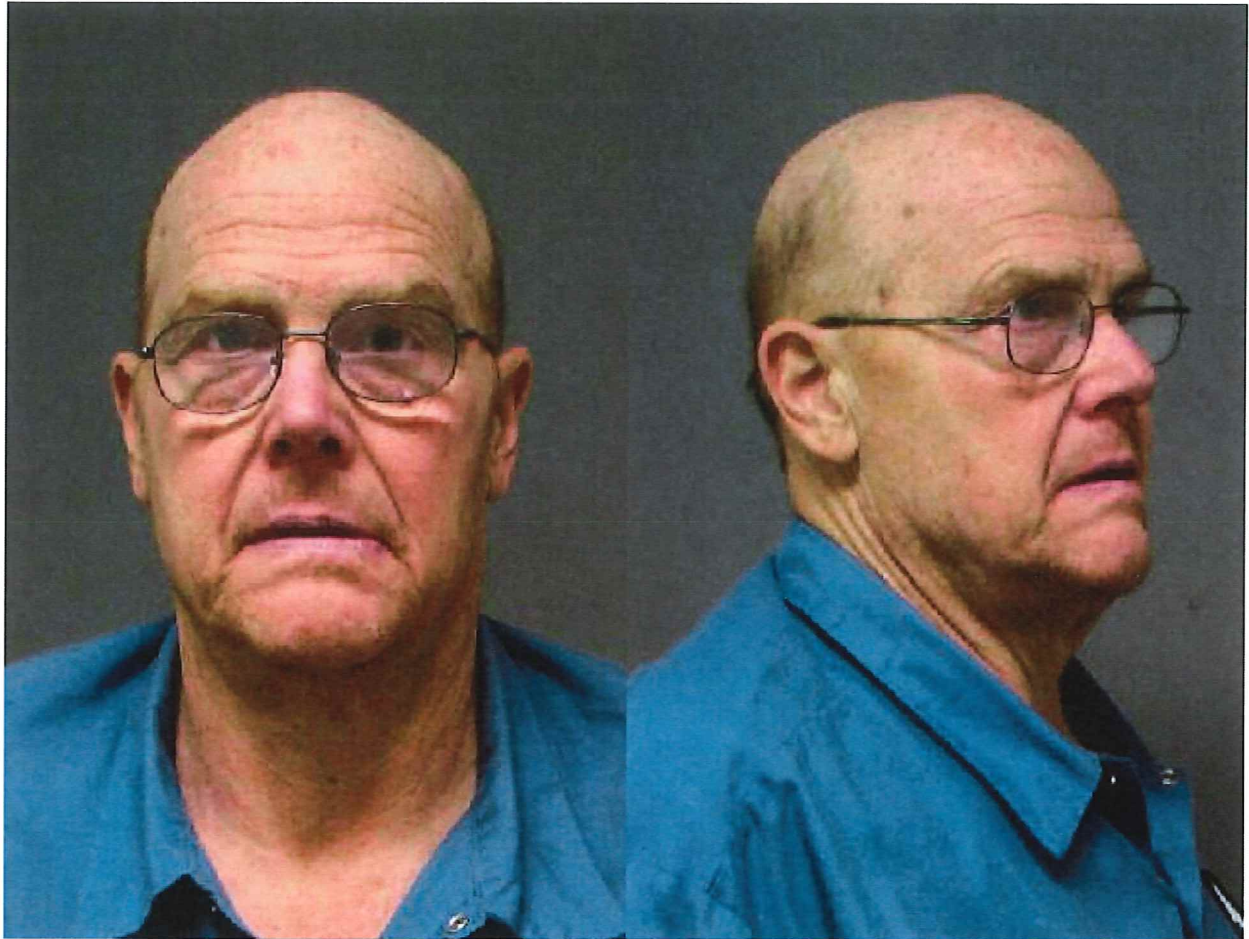
Narrative

On March 4, 2016, Joseph M. Schmitt Jr. voluntarily came to the Clark County Sheriff's Office stating he wanted to disclose something he had done to a family member for many years and now for religious reasons wanted to report his actions.

Mr. Schmitt told Clark County Sheriff Detectives that beginning in 2003 and ending in 2015 at two different addresses in Moorefield Township, he had engaged in sexual conduct and sexual contact over 200 times with a 50-year-old female family member that has been diagnosed with Down syndrome.

With this information from Joseph M. Schmitt Jr. and after Detectives conducted interviews of the victim and household members. Joseph M. Schmitt Jr. was taken into custody on March 7, 2016 and was charged with one count of rape and one count of gross sexual imposition.

Joseph M. Schmitt Jr. is incarcerated into the Clark County Jail and will appear in Clark County Municipal Court on March 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to answer to the charges.



Arrestee Information;

Joseph M. Schmitt Jr.

4105 Ashton Lane

Springfield, Ohio

Age: 58

Charges: Rape 1st Degree Felony & Gross Sexual Imposition 4th Degree Felony